

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

Sub B7  
A1  
8. (Amended) The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the optical material comprises a polarizing plate, and at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness enhancement plate.

Please add new claims 10-15 as follows:

Sub  
B9  
A2  
10. (New) The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.04 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11. (New) The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of at most 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

12. (New) The optical member according to claim 1, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.05 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

13. (New) The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.04 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

14. (New) The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of at most 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

15. (New) The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the protective film has an outer surface roughness Ra of from 0.05 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

8. (Amended) The optical member according to claim 5, wherein the optical material comprises a polarizing plate, and at least one of a retardation plate and a brightness ~~enhanced~~ enhancement plate.

New claims 10-15 have been added.